

## **Phil 3105 Landmarks in the History of Philosophy**

**Class Number 46531 Section TR11 Tues, Thurs 11:00am – 12:15pm**

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This course will cover central 'landmark' philosophical texts from the history of Western philosophy. We will engage in a close reading and detailed discussion of key selections from texts that every student of philosophy should be familiar with.

Students will develop important skills in reading and analyzing philosophical texts and learn how to reconstruct and compare philosophical arguments.

An effort will also be made to situate these texts historically and to further demonstrate the ongoing relevance of these discussions for contemporary philosophical issues. The first part of the course will focus on ancient theories of the good and their revival in the modern period. Readings for this part of the course will include Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* and representative works from the Hellenistic schools (Stoics, Epicureans, and Skeptics). Near the end of the course we will read some canonical texts in political economy, including selections from Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations* and Karl Marx's *Das Kapital*.